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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA EXCHANGE WITH THE EAST

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1. WE AGREE WITH VIENNA'S POINT IN PARA 3, REF A
THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ALLIES TO BACK AWAY FROM DISCUSSING
TANK FIGURES, SHOULD THE EAST OFFER TO DO SO. IF THE AHG PRESENTS TO
THE EAST THE REVISED MANPOWER TOTALS AS PART OF A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE
IT WOULD SEEM TO US PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR THE ALLIES TO REFUSE
TO PRESENT THE REVISED TANK TOTALS ON RECIPROCAL BASIS. IN ADDITION,
IF THE NAC DID EVENTUALLY AUTHORIZE THE AHG TO TABLE REVISED TANK
TOTALS, THE AHG WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHICH CONSITITUENT FIGURES IT
COULD USE IN DEFENDING THEM. (WE AGREE WITH VIENNA IN
PARA 7, REF A, THAT ANY EVENTUAL NAC GUIDANCE TO AHG ON USE OF
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MORE DTAILED DATA SHOULD GIVE AHG FULL TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY, AND
AVOID A RIGID STEP-BY-STEP DEVELOPMENT.)

2. WE ALSO BELIEVE U.S. POSITION ON DISCUSSION OF TANK FIGURES

WITH THE EAST SHOULD GOVERN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD QUESTION OF SPC
MANDATE TO MBFR WORKING GROUP RE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF EXCHANGE
OF TANK DATA.MBFR WORKING GROUP'S NORMAL ROLE IS TO PROVIDE
MILITARY-TECHNICAL ADVICE, WHEN REQUESTED, TO HELP PREPARE
NAC GUIDANCE TO AHG. IF U.S. INTENDS TO MAINTAIN POSITIONSTATED
IN PARA 2, REF B, WE SEE NO REASON FOR WG STUDY ON SECURITY
IMPLICATIONS OF EXCHANGE OF TANK DATA. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE,
HOWEVER, THAT IF U.S. MAINTAINS ITS OPPOSITION TO AUTHORIZING
DISCUSSION OF TANK FIGURES WITH EAST, UK WILL PRESS FOR FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR REASONS IN SPC. IF ON THE OTHER HAND U.SM
ENVISAGES POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUALLY SUPPORTING NAC GUIDANCE AUTHORIZING

AHG TO USE REVISED TANK TOTALS, AND TO USE MORE DETAILED DATA TO
DEFEND THESE TOTALS, THEY WE BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT EXPANDING THE

PRESENT WG MANDATE TO INCLUDE TANKS, BY DROPPING THE WORK "MANPOWER".
U.S. COULD PROPOSE EXPANDING THE MANDATE AT ANY TIME.
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